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Serial No.: 08/731,291

Group Art Unit: 2172

Filed: October 11, 1996

Examiner: Jean M. Corrielus

Title: SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR MANAGING DIGITAL CREATIVE WORKS

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In response to the Notice To File Corrected Application Papers dated September 8, 2005, transmitted herewith are a copy of the Specification (including the Appendix A source code listing), Abstract, Declaration, and Notice of Allowance.

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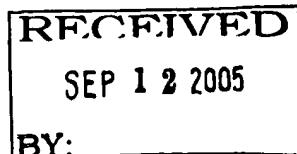
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Attachment(s)

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3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
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JEAN M. CORRIELUS
PRIMARY EXAMINER

SUPPLEMENTAL DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is response to the amendment filed on November 12, 2003, which claims 94-96 are pending for further examination.

Request For Continued Examination

2. The request for continued examination filed November 12, 2003 has been fully considered. The information referred to therein has been considered as to the merits.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 94-96 are allowable in light of the Applicant's arguments and in the light of the prior art made of record.

Reason for Indicating Notice of Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's Statement of reasons for allowance:

The present application has been thoroughly reviewed. Upon searching a variety of databases the examiner respectfully submits that the feature wherein –a server is controlled so as to receive a request from a remote first computer for expanded access to a digital copyrighted work, wherein if the remote first computer signals an acceptance of terms for the expanded access to the digital copyrighted work, then the server is controlled to communicate an auxiliary permission to the remote first computer and wherein a software application uses to the auxiliary permission to expand the access to the digital copyrighted work through the remote first computer--in claim 94 and in conjunction with other features of the dependent claims are not

taught nor suggested by the prior art made of record (See PTO-892 and 1449). Therefore, the pending claim 94-96 is hereby allowable.

4. Since allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant is encouraged to submit formal drawings in response to this Office action. The early submission of formal drawings will permit the Office to review the drawings for acceptability and to resolve any informalities remaining therein before the application is passed to issue. This will avoid possible delays in the issue process.

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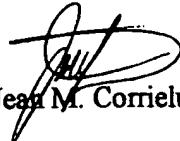
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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean M. Corrielus whose telephone number is (703) 306-3035. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (12:00pm - 7:30 pm).

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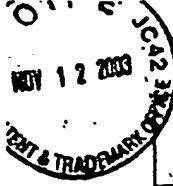
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Jean M. Corrielus
Patent Examiner

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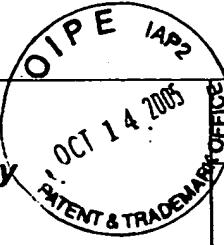
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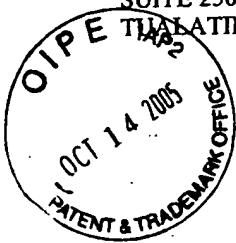


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